GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF MANGO
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of mango producing States in the country alongwith the names of the States which exports the mangoes;

(b) whether the mangoes are riped during transit due to insufficient cold storage facility in the Konkan area of Maharashtra;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to arrange refrigerators in a container as is done in the foreign countries, to increase the export of perishable fruits like mangoes;

(d) whether the Government contemplate to constitute a Mango Board to promote the export of mangoes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

a) The major mango producing states in the country are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Statewise data on exports is not maintained. However, from available information, the major States from which mangoes are exported include Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

b) & c) Mangoes exported from the country, including from the Konkan region of Maharashtra, are shipped/air freighted under refrigerated conditions. The mangoes which are exported in raw but mature condition get partially ripened in transit. Efforts have been made by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to arrange export of mangoes and other fruits through Controlled Atmosphere (CA) containers apart from reefer containers to increase the shelf life of these fruits. Experiments to adapt the CA technology to Indian conditions is presently on. Trial shipments of mangoes through CA Containers have been undertaken with some success so far. APEDA is developing protocols for export of various fruits includingmangoes by CA containers.

d) No, Sir.

e) Does not arise.